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The *Crasanne* Pear, or the *Bergamot Crasanne*, appears to have been cultivated in the time of DE LA QUINTYNIÉ, and is figured by DU HAMEL, who describes it as a fruit the merit of which is universally known.

The tree is of free growth and fertile habit; its young shoots slender, pale greyish brown, minutely dotted. Leaves from 2 to 3 inches in length, and about 1 to 1½ inches in width, broad and roundish at the base, and attenuated to a point at the other extremity, folded or wrinkled towards the margin, slightly serrated. Fruit roundish, turbinate, frequently 2 to 2½ inches in length, and of the same dimension in width near the eye; tapered a little towards the stalk, which is long, dark brown, curved, and inserted sometimes on the base of the fruit, or in a very shallow cavity. Skin pale dull green, with a good deal of russet, changing, when ripe, to a still paler colour, with a faint tinge of yellow on the side next the sun: the whole surface is sprinkled over with a mixture of dark green and brown spots. The eye is rather small, black, inserted in a broad deep cavity. Flesh very fine, buttery and melting, abundantly charged with juice, which is sweet, and delicately perfumed.